

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 18, 2000

Mr. Jeet S. Bindra
President
Chevron Pipe Line Company
2811 Hayes Road
Houston, Texas 77082-2642

CPF NO. 5-2000-50011 M

Dear Mr. Bindra:

On March 6 - 10, 2000, a representative from the Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of the Chevron Pipe Line Company (Chevron) facilities including the pump station at Pasco, the delivery facility at Spokane, and the pipeline system within the State of Washington. In addition, the inspection incorporated a review of the manuals and records at the Pasco Terminal. As a result of the inspection, it appears you have committed a probable violation, as noted below, of the pipeline safety regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 195. The probable violation is:

- 1. § 195.442 (c) A written damage prevention program must, at a minimum, include the identity, on a current basis, of persons who normally engage in excavation activities in the area in which the pipeline is located. The damage prevention program must also provide for notification of the public in the vicinity of the pipeline and actual notification of persons who normally engage in excavation activities in the area in which the pipeline is located, of the operator's damage prevention program as often as needed to make them aware of the program.**

Chevron has been very proactive in providing notification to the public in the vicinity of the pipeline. However, your procedures for identifying, on a current basis, persons who normally engage in excavation activities are inadequate in that they do not describe a methodology to identify the elements of the notification plan,

persons to be notified, and corporate personnel responsible for the implementation of the plan. Further, if Chevron chooses to use the utilities locating center to comply with the requirements of this section, then Chevron must develop a procedure that specifically identifies the responsibilities of the utilities locating center and the person within Chevron who is responsible for the implementation of the procedure. To satisfy the record keeping requirements, documentation must be provided by the utilities locating center to verify that the requirements of this section are being fulfilled.

In regard to the deficiencies in your written procedures for Operation, Maintenance and Emergencies, the Office of Pipeline Safety is issuing a Notice of Amendment requiring that your procedures be amended to comply with the requirements of the regulation referenced. As provided in 49 CFR §190.237, this letter serves as your notification that this office considers your procedures/plans inadequate. Under 49 CFR §190.237, you have the right to submit written comment or a request an informal hearing. You must submit written comments or a request for a hearing within 30 days after receipt of this notice. After reviewing the record, the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety will determine whether your plans or procedures are adequate. The criteria used in making this determination are outlined in 49 CFR §190.237. If you do not wish to contest this notice, please provide your revised procedures within 30 days of receipt of this notice.

When appropriate procedures have been prepared, submit to Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, 12600 W. Colfax Avenue, Suite A-250, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

Please refer to **CPF NO. 5-2000-50011 M** in any correspondence or communication on this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hoidal
Director

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